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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: John LOVE et al )  
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TITLE: SINGLE MODE OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE FIBRE )  
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COMPLETION OF PCT/AU00/00919 filed 02 August 2000 )

The Commissioner for Patents (DO/EO/US)  
Box PCT  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application being filed herewith under 35 USC 371.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-18 from the PCT application as filed as well as the claims as attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report and substitute new claims 19-30 as attached to the substitute specification.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner is requested to base examination of the U.S. application, taking into account the amendments made during the PCT international phase and as attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report. A substitute specification is enclosed and is based on the following materials:

- Pages 1-9 as attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report
- Pages 10-11 of new claims 19-30 (claims 1-18 being cancelled herewith)
- Page 12 of the abstract as filed in the PCT international application
- 6 sheets of drawings as amended during the PCT international phase

The aforesaid amendments have been made to place the U.S. application in better condition for examination under U.S. rules of practice.

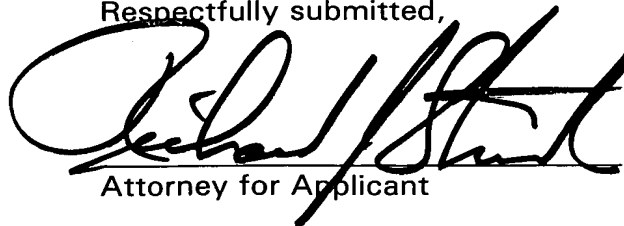
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Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

March 27, 2002

Date

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Streit", written over a horizontal line.

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